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Another Successful ISO Audit For Valco



Congratulations To The Valco Team On Another Very Successful ISO Audit!

On August 20th & 21st, Valco underwent its annual ISO Surveillance Audit and passed with “flying colors”. The auditor commented on the many improvements made at Valco over the past year as we continue to move forward and make continuous improvement a daily way of life at Valco.

Some of our continuous improvement projects include continuing to invest in newer equipment as we cycle out older, less capable equipment and implementing a racking system for Kanban inventory. These types of ongoing improvements will enable us to respond to our customer’s needs quicker and more efficiently.

*Special thanks to **Jim Neidhardt**, head of quality, for leading this critical ongoing program and activity.*

Keep up the good work as we continue to “Work Together To Be The BEST”!

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IN THE VALCO SPOTLIGHT: Ray Powell

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Ray Powell** who has been a member of the Valco Team since July 22, 2013. Ray is part of our welding department as well as providing production support on first shift.

Ray was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio but soon moved with his father to San Antonio Texas where he spent the next 13 years. He moved back to Ohio where he then attended Mechanicsburg High School. After his high school years, he spent the next three years traveling around the country seeing lots of new places and working at a variety of jobs allowing him to keep on traveling.

He found his way to Ashland CTC where he enrolled in their welding certificated training program. He graduated after completing a 10 month Tig/Mig weld-

ing program. Ray was hired on at Johnson Welded Products in Urbana where he was able to put his new welding skills to work. After being laid off for lack of work, he was hired on at Q-3 in Urbana where he did both stick welding and stamping work. He remained at Q-3 until they went out of business.

He has also worked at GI Plastics in Marysville, RIWCO, and then American Steel for some five years. American Steel was in the pre-fabrication building business.

Ray is the father of seven children ranging in ages from 6 years to 16 years old. He is engaged to Katrina and spends most of his free time being involved with his children and their activities. We are glad to have Ray as part of the Valco Team and look forward to working with him in the upcoming months and years.



CUSTOMER OF THE MONTH



barktwice
for your dog and you!

We would like to highlight a new locally owned startup company we have been working with for the last year or two. **BarkTwice** is an inventive new product design company created by Amy and Alyse Leventhal. After years of living and working in New York, they have chosen their own home town of Springfield, Ohio as the perfect place to manufacture their high quality **BarkTwice** pet product line.

The company’s first product, the **BarkTwice** feeder, puts an ergonomic spin on the traditional dog feeder making meal times healthier and more comfortable for your pet and best friend. The sleek, durable, powder coated finish that covers the sturdy metal feeder, fabricated by Valco, comes in a range of designs and contemporary colors to suit your personal style. Currently the pet feeders can be found in a number of pet boutiques across the country and Canada. They are also being sold on several different pet web sites.



Check them out at www.barktwice2.com. For a 20% discount, use the coupon code “valco” during checkout.



RULES

These "Rules" all sound reasonable,
But are they right or wrong?

- **Change your car oil every 3,000 miles**—Wrong: 5,000 to 6,000 miles is fine.
- **Get eight hours of sleep**— Right: Even if you can get by on 4.
- **See the dentist twice a year**—Wrong: If you are healthy, once a year is plenty.
- **Throw away milk at its expiration date**—Wrong: It probably has a week left.
- **Check tire pressure before long trips**—Right: Actually, do it more often.
- **Never wear white after Labor Day**—Wrong: White is acceptable year-round.
- **Don't eat after 8:00 p.m.**—Wrong: Calories can't tell time.

What am I?

- I am a U.S. city.
- I am one of the first cities in the country.
- Religious exiles founded me in 1636.
- My state's name officially contains five words.
- A TV show named after me premiered in 1998.
- I am home to Brown University.
- My name means "divine guidance."
- My state may be the smallest but it is no island.

Great Quotes

"It is well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others."

—John Andrew Holmes

"Having lost sight of our goals, we've decided to double our efforts."

—Anonymous

"Trust everybody, but cut the cards."

—Finely Peter Dunne

"Let us not go over the old ground; let us rather prepare for what is to come."

—Marcus Tullius Cicero

"Whatever you are, be a good one."

—Abraham Lincoln



The annual **Springfield Culture Fest** will be taking place all day on **Saturday September 28th**. in and around the core block in downtown Springfield. Come on down and celebrate Springfield's wonderful diversity, enjoy the food from many different and varied food vendors while enjoying the ongoing entertainment from a wide variety of groups and organizations. There will also be informational booths representing many of the different community organizations and groups we have in Springfield and Clark County.

A reminder about **moving your clocks BACK one hour on Sunday, November 3rd**. (i.e. from 2:00 a.m to 1:00 a.m.) This seems later than normal so you may want to write yourself a reminder note.

Election Day will be Tuesday November 5th. Be sure you are registered to vote and make sure your voice is heard. You can get information on how to register to vote, the issues and candidates you will voting on, and how to vote absentee if you so choose to do so by going to the Clark County Board of Elections web site at elections@clarkcountyohio.gov. You can also call them at 937-521-2120.

We will be **celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday November 28th**, which is of course a paid holiday for all full time Valco Associates. Complete production schedules for the holiday week will be posted as we get closer to the holiday. This is an advance notice so you as well as all of the turkeys can plan accordingly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy
Birthday!



- Jon Young Oct. 3rd.
- Herman Banks Oct. 15th.
- Mike Ropp Oct. 16th.
- Joel McDargh Oct. 21st.

We hope you each have a great day on your special day and a year of good health, lots of laughs and much personal and professional success! Enjoy your special time of year.

Years of Service...

- Larry Huxley Oct. 1st 6 Yrs.
- Tony Varga Oct. 3rd 2 Yrs.
- Dave Koepp Oct. 8th .. 12 Yrs!!
- Darren Perez Oct. 22nd 1 Yr.

We thank each of you for your many contributions towards Valco's continued success and growth and doing all you can to better serve our customers. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Welcome to...

Scott Ferrell who joined the Valco Team on September 9th.



Scott will be working in our brake department on first shift. It is

great to have Scott with us and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

Congratulations to...

Herman Banks on the recent birth of his eighth child, a son named Deklen. We are glad to report all are doing well and that practice evidently makes perfect.

Reminders